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FM AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7062

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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E.O. 11652 N/A

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SUBJ: ADDITIONAL TERRORIST INCIDENTS, ARRESTS

REF: JERUSALEM 85 AND 878

1. SUMMARY. STEPPED-UP TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN JERUSALEM AND WEST BANK CONTINUED OVER EXTENDED HOLIDAY WEEKEND MAY 15-18, WITH ONE EXPLOSION AT DEAD SEA BEACH REPORTEDLY INJURING 20 PEOPLE. JEWISH "COUNTER-TERROR" GROUP IS CONSIDERED RESPONSIBLE FOR BURNING OF ARAB BUS IN EAST JERUSALEM MAY 14. 69 ARRESTED IN JENIN AS ALLEGED TERRORISTS ARE SAID TO BE CONNECTED WITH ISRAELI ARAB GROUP. END SUMMARY.

2. DESPITE HEHGTENED PRECAUTIONS TAKEN IN ANTICIPATION OF TERRORIST ACTS ON MAY 15 (ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE ACCORDING TO GREGORIAN CALENDAR) AND MAY 16-18 HOLIDAY WEEKEND (SHAVUOT OR PENTACOST), SEVERAL INCIDENTS OCCURRED. MOST SERIOUS WAS SMALL BOMB NLAST AT 2:15. P.M. MAY 17 AT BEACH (EIN FESH'HA) AT NORTHERN

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END OF DEAD SEA NEAR JERICO WHICH REPORTEDLY INJURED

20. MOST INJURIES SAID TO BE SLIGHT, BUT FOUR REMAIN
HOSPITALIZED - ALL ISRAELIS. BOMB WAS PLACED IN PICNIC
HAMPER.

3. OTHER INCIDENTS INCLUDE FOLLOWING. ON MAY 14 SMALL
BOMB DISCOVERED ON TRUCK LOADED WITH BOTTLED GAS CYLINDERS
IN ORTHODOX JEWISH AREA BORDERING EAST JERUSALM WAS SAFELY
DISMANTLED. ON MAY 17 EXPLOSIVES DAMAGED TWO ARAB TRUCKS,
ONE FROM EAST JERUSALEM PARKED IN RAMALLAH AND ANOTHER
DRIVING THROUGH EL-BIREH. FIRST SLIGHTLY INJURED ARAB
PASSERBY AND SECOND SLIGHTLY INJURED PASSENGER WHEN CHARGE
THROWN INTO TRUCK. ALSO ON MAY 17 SMALL BOBM EXPLODED IN
EVENING AT SITE OF JOSEPH'S TOMB. MOSLEM HOLY PLCE IN
NABLUS, CAUSING DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES. IN EAST JERUSALEM,
NEAR ROCKEFELLER MUSEUM AND OLD CITY WALL, SMALL CHARGE
EXPLODED ABOUT 8:00. A.M. MAY 18 WITH NO DAMAGE OR INJURIES.
ISRAELI FLAG ON EAST JERUSALEM (WADI JOZ) POLICE STATION
BURNED NIGHT OF MAY 16. STATION UNMANNED AT NIGHT.

4. EMPTY ARAB BUS WAS BURNED WHILE PARKED IN WADI JOZ
SECTION OF EAST JERUSALEM NIGHT OF MAY 14. THIS ACT NOW
ATTRIBUTED BY POLICE TO JEWISH GROUP CALLING ITSELF
"TERROR AGAINST TERROR." SIGN FOUND NEAR BURNT-OUT BUS
WAS INCRIBED WITH GROUP'S NAME AND "AN EYE FOR AN EYE",
AND PHONE CALL TO ISRAELI RADIO STATED ACTION WAS
RETALIATION FOR MAY 10 BURNING OF EGGED BUS IN RAMALLAH.
BOTH MUNICIPALITY AND GOI POLICE MINISTER HILLEL HAVE
DEPLORED SUCH ACTIONS; JERUSALEM AUTHORITIES
CALLED ON ALL RESIDENTS OF CITY TO REFRAIN FROM VIOLENCE
AND SAID AUTHORITIES WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROTECT
ALL RESIDENTS.

5. MAY 19 ISRAELI PRESS AND RADIO REPORT ARREST OF 69
ALLEGED TERRORISTS IN JENINWC ACCORDING TO JERUSALEM POST,
THEY ARE BELIEVED TO BE MEMBERS OF FOUR DIFFERENT TERRORIST
ORGANIZATIONS AND TO BE LINKED WITH FIVE ISRAELI ARABS
ARRESTED LAST WEEK IN NAZARETH ON SUSPICION OF CONSPIRACY
TO COMMIT SABOTAGE. ARABIC PRESS HAS CONTINUED TO REPORT
ADDITIONAL DETENTIONS OF WEST BANK ARABS FOR QUESTIONING
ABOUT TERRORISM, BUT MOST SUSPECTS PICKED UP AFTER DEAD
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